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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION INS THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF  
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TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS  
DISTRICT DIRECTORS, AREA AND PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION INS THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY  
INVESTIGATION OF NEW MINIVANS FROM JAPAN (A-588-820)

1. The Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the Federal Register on January 2, 1992, notice of its preliminary determination that new minivans from Japan are being sold in the United States at less than fair value.

2. The products covered by this investigation are new minivans. Minivans are currently provided for under HTS subheadings 8703 and 8704. For purposes of this investigation, a minivan is an on-highway motor vehicle which generally has the following

characteristics:

1) a cargo capacity behind the front row of seats that is 100 cubic feet or greater and less than 200 cubic feet;

2) a body structure, width and seat configuration capable of providing full walk-through mobility from the front seat row to the third seat row, or at least partial walk-through mobility from either

(a) the front seat row to the third seat row or

(b) the second seat row to the third seat row;

3) a hood that is sloping and a short distance from the cowl to the front bumper relative to the overall length of the vehicle; 4) a gross vehicle weight that is less than 6,000 pounds;

5) a height that is between 62 and 75 inches;

6) a single, box-like structure that envelopes both the space for the driver and front-seat passenger and the rear space (which has flat or nearly flat floors and is usable for carrying passengers and cargo); and,

7) a rear side passenger access door (or doors) and a rear door (or doors) that provide wide and level access to the rear area.

A vehicle does not necessarily have to meet all seven criteria to be considered a minivan. The Department will compare the physical characteristics of vehicles with the above criteria and determine on a case-by-case basis whether a vehicle shares enough physical characteristics with minivans, as described by the above seven criteria, to be considered a minivan. While all seven of the above criteria are important in determining whether a vehicle is a minivan, the criteria which reflect a measurement of interior space (cowl length, walk-through capability, and cargo capacity) are of primary importance.

The vehicles currently recognized as minivans being imported from

Japan are the Toyota Previa and Mazda MPV. If you are uncertain as

to whether or not any vehicle is a minivan, please contact us.

3. For further reporting purposes this case has been assigned investigation number A-588-820.

4. For all exports of new minivans from Japan by Mazda Motor Corporation and Mazda Motor of America, Inc. (collectively "Mazda") and Toyota Motor Corporation and Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. (collectively "Toyota"), and all other companies, the Customs Service shall suspend liquidation of such new minivans that are entered or withdrawn from warehouse on or after January 2, 1992, and shall require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond equal to the estimated preliminary margin percentages listed below.

MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER EXPORTER	CUSTOMS ID NUMBER	FINAL MARGIN PERCENTAGE
Mazda Motor Corporation and Mazda Motor of America, Inc.	A-588-820-001	7.19%
Toyota Motor Corporation and Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.	A-588-820-002	0.95%
All Others	A-588-820-000	4.23%

THE AD/CVD MODULE HAS BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT THE ABOVE INFORMATION

5. If there are any questions regarding this matter by Customs Officers, please contact, via E-Mail, through the Regional Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Coordinator, the Trade Compliance Division, Antidumping/Countervailing Branch, using attribute "HQ OAB." The importing public and other interested parties should contact James Terpstra or James Maeder of the Office of Antidumping Investigations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone:

(202) 377-3965 or (202) 377-4929, respectively.

6. There are no restrictions on the release of the information.

Nancy McTiernan

## Company Details

\*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party